## **RESOLUTION 2007-03**

## **BUFFER ZONE**

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to oppose the creation of a buffer zone around Yellowstone National Park.

**WHEREAS**, the State of Montana has confirmed the existence of brucellosis in a commercial cattle operation, and;

**WHEREAS**, the need exists for the protection of Montana's livestock industry, and;

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Interior must manage their bison population within the boundaries of their land.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Montana Association of Counties directly opposes any action or plan that expands the boundaries of Yellowstone National Park to create a "buffer zone" for the migration of animals.

**SPONSOR:** MACo Agriculture Committee

**RECOMMENDATION**: Do Pass

PRIORITY: High

**REFERRED TO:** Agriculture Committee

ADOPTED: MACo Annual Conference

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